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SUBJ: KIM DONG-JO AFFAIR

1. DURING MY FAREWELL CALL ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER AFTERNOON OF JUNE 20, HE INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE JUNE 19 MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR KIM AND MR. JAWORSKI. HE SAID THAT JAWORSKI'S POSTURE WAS SEEN AS FLEXIBLE IN THE MEETING BUT THAT HE WAS STILL TALKING PROCEDURES. IN THE ROK VIEW, NOW WAS TIME TO MOVE AWAY FROM PROCEDURAL DISCUSSIONS AND END THE GAME, KEEPING EVERYTHING AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE. HE SAID THEY SHOULD RECEIVE THE QUESTIONS FROM JAWORSKI AND LET FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM REPLY.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT JAWORSKI NOW WANTS SOME FORM OF ADVANCE ASSURANCE THAT THE REPLY FROM FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM WOULD BE TRUSTWORTHY. THIS POSITION MAKES ROKG CONCERNED THAT HE DOES NOT WISH TO SETTLE THE MATTER EXPEDITIOUSLY. THE ROKG HOPES THAT MR. JAWORSKI CAN PUT ASIDE HIS MANTLE OF INVESTIGATOR AND THROUGH MORE DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE END THE MATTER.

3. I ASSURED THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT WE WERE CONFIDENT THAT FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM'S ANSWERS WOULD INDEED BE TRUSTWORTHY AND RECOMMENDED THAT AT THE NEXT MEETING

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AMBASSADOR KIM EXPRESS ROKG CONFIDENCE IN THE MATTER TO MR. JAWORSKI. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT JAWORSKI SAID HE HAD 22 CONGRESSMEN ON WHICH HE WISHED INFORMATION.

4. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS ALSO CONCERNED THAT NO MATTER WHAT FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM SAID THE MATTER WOULD NOT BE SETTLED. I TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT THERE WAS THE

POSSIBILITY THAT ANSWERS PROVIDED BY FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM WOULD NOT FULLY SETTLE THE MATTER. HOWEVER, I STRESSED AGAIN, AS SO OFTEN OVER THE PAST WEEKS, THE NEED FOR THE ROKG TO DEMONSTRATE ONCE MORE ITS WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE IN SOLVING THIS MATTER. EVEN IF IT WAS NOT A CLEAN SOLUTION, THE FACT OF COOPERATION WAS MOST IMPORTANT AT THIS STAGE.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT OF JUNE 19 KIM-JAWORSKI MEETING ASAP.
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